

Memorandum to Colonel Grogan

9 January 1957

Subject: Progress and status report on "Hungary-RFE" Intelligence Publicity File

25X1A9a 1. Before his departure this noon, [redacted] handed me this press-clipping file, for me to show you at your convenience, which he had inherited from me last December 28, when you asked him to take over this project from me.

2. Along with the clips he also returned to me my partial draft of a covering memo to the DCI (dated Dec. 10, about 10 pages long, as far as I had gone), along with a draft of an alternative memo (dated Jan. 9), drafted by himself. *These 2 drafts are attached.*

3. So far we have about 260 press comments--about 130 of them U.S. official and unofficial; and about 130 from USSR and Other Communist Sources. These 260 items were for the most part selected 4 weeks ago, then red-lined by me, then organized (under 5 "tabs"). These clippings deal with the following three principal issues:

- a. Was U.S. Intelligence Caught by "Surprise" on October 22-23?
- b. Did RFE "Provoke" the Original Hungarian Uprising?
- c. Did U.S. "Incite" the Revolt by other overt or covert means?

4. The 260 clips are organized, for convenience, not under the above 3 subjects but according to source, as follows:

- a. U.S. official comment (on above 3 issues)
- b. U.S. unofficial comment
- c. USSR propaganda exploitation (of above 3 issues)
- d. Communist propaganda exploitation from other countries (ditto)
- e. U.S. press comment before Oct. 22 (back to Jan. 1956), when relevant

5. Most of these clips are for the first 6 weeks of the revolt, Oct. 22 to Dec. 7--the result of an intensive survey by myself completed between Nov. 29 (when you asked me to launch this project) and Dec. 7. For the last 4 weeks (Dec. 10-Jan. 9) there are ~~are~~ relatively few clips, confined only to those that, thanks to Nancy, she noticed each day in your daily press book. There are doubtless others which, on a closer screening, might well be added if there is an active need for this compilation.

25X1A9a 6. Of the 130 Communist comments (in tabs C and D), about half of them (about 65) were culled by [redacted] from the FBIS dailies, up to Dec. 7, while the rest were selected by me from your daily press book.

7. As to a written analysis of this material, [redacted] and I both 25X1A9a assumed that such a study would be helpful, and each of us prepared a partial draft, complete up to a point:

a. My draft, as of Dec. 10, was addressed primarily to ^{an analysis of} each of the three issues listed in paragraph 3 above (part 3 had not yet been done). 25X1A9a. [redacted]'s draft, as of Jan. 7, was addressed primarily to summarizing first the specific "CIA" comments, then the specific "RFE" comments.

8. A third alternative, at this juncture, might be simply to send the DCI a brief, 1-page memo, calling attention to this accumulating (but without details analysis), and inviting him to indicate what kind of analysis, if any, he might want at this particular moment, or some days later.

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